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Akron Man Found Guilty of Killing 24-Year-Old *Christopher Hunter Sentenced to Life in Prison*

AKRON, Ohio (date) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Christopher Hunter, 27, of Packard Drive in Akron, guilty of shooting Marlon Gibson to death in May of this year.

Late this afternoon, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Todd McKenney sentenced Hunter to life in prison. Hunter is eligible for parole after serving 29 years.

Earlier jurors found Hunter guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a gun specification – a special felony
- Felonious Assault with a gun specification – a felony of the 2nd degree

On May 25, 2016, Hunter went to visit his ex-girlfriend Diamond Christian at Christian's Akron apartment. Hunter and Christian had a past relationship and a child together. At Christian's apartment was Marlon Gibson, Christian's current boyfriend. Gibson and Christian also have a child together. Hunter tried to enter the apartment, but Gibson closed the door. Several minutes later Gibson went outside to smoke a cigarette and was then shot by Hunter. As Gibson tried to retreat back into the apartment, Hunter shot Gibson several more times, eventually killing him. Investigators determined Gibson was shot ten times.